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SUBJECT: ISVS LIAISON COMMITTEE

FOR WILLIAM WHITE

1. FIRST SESSION OF LIAISON COMMITTEE GOT UNDER WAY 15 MARCH IN OFFICES OF ISVS SECRETARIAT WITH DELEGATES FROM 13 MEMBER COUNTRIES PRESENT: ARGENTINA, DENMARK, FRANCE, FEDERAL REP. OF GERMANY, INDIA, ISRAEL, LIBERIA, NETHERLANDS, PHILIPPINES, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, U. S. AND ZAIRE. SESSION OPENED IN RELAXED, INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DELEGATION FRG AND AGENDA QUICKLY ADOPTED.

2. ISVS/ UNV CONTRACT. SECRETARY- GEN'L REPORTED 156 VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED BY ISVS AS OF 31 JAN. 73 (50 PERCENT FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) THUS EXCEEDING TWO YEAR TARGET OF 150. COSTS, HOWEVER, EXCEEDED CONTRACT AMOUNT BY DOLLARS 40,000 IMPOSING FINANCIAL STRAIN ON ORGANIZATION. MATTER OF CONTRACT RENEWAL DEBATED IN LIGHT OF EVIDENCE OF UNDP INTENTION TO EXTEND FOR LIMITED PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. COMMITTEE SUBSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDED TO 14 TH SESSION OF ISVS COUNCIL, WHICH SCHEDULED TO MEET HERE END OF MAY, THAT EXTENSION BE FOR PERIOD OF TWO YEARS ON ESSENTIALLY SAME TERMS AS PRESENT AGREEMENT WITH FALL- BACK POSITION OF ONE YEAR AS ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. DELEGATES COMMENDED SECRETARIAT FOR PERFORMANCE ON FIRST TWO YEARS OF CONTRACT.

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3. AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE. SECRETARY- GEN' L ADVISED GROUP OF OFFICIAL APPROVAL BY GOVT. OF ETHIOPIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE IN ADDIS ABABA. EXTENT OF CONTRIBUTION BY HOST GOV' T., INCLUDING OFFICE SPACE AND SECONDMENTS TO BE DECIDED BY G. O. E. IN APRIL OR MAY. NOTE: GOV' T OF FRANCE HAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO SECONDMENT OF DIRECTOR FOR OFFICE. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT 14 TH SESSION OF COUNCIL QUOTE: RECONSIDER METTER IN LIGHT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS: UNQUOTE.

4. BUDGET. A) AUDIT REPORT RECEIVED BY COMMITTEE WITH NO OBJECTIONS AND WITH RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL BY 14 TH COUNCIL. COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED SCHEDULING OF A 15 TH SESSION OF COUNCIL IN SEPT./ OCT. 73 FOR ADOPTION OF 74/75 BUDGET. SEC.- GEN' L OUTLINED CURRENT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS DUE IN PART TO ADOPTION BY 13 TH COUNCIL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS RE SALARY CEILING ON ONE HAND, AND STAFF REGULATION IMPLYING INCREASE IN SALARY BUDGET CATEGORY ON OTHER HAND, AND IN PART TO DOLLAR EROSION TOGETHER WITH LATE OR NON- PAYMENT OF PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER PROBLEMS AT UPCOMING SESSION AND FIND WAY OUT OF DILEMMA. COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT ALL FUTURE RESOLUTIONS WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS CONTAIN STATEMENT ON EXACT COSTS AND SOURCES FOR COVERING SAME.

B) INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS ON REQUEST BY SECRETARIAT TO EXPRESS 73/74 BUDGET IN SWISS FRANCS. AGREEMENT REACHED THAT 14 TH COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS BUDGET ON QUOTE: DOLLAR BASIS UNQUOTE. SECT.- GEN' L INDICATED AGREEMENT SO LONG AS EXCHANGE RATE OF 3.73 S. FR. TO ONE DOLLAR MAINTAINED, AS THIS WAS BASIS OF 73/74 BUDGET PROJECTION.

C) DRAFT 73/74 BUDGET TO BE REVIEWED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY FRG DELEGATION AND REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO LIAISON COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO 14 TH SESSION.

5. CONCLUSION:

TWO DAY SESSION CONDUCTED IN AMIABLE AS WELL AS BUSINESS- LIKE MANNER REFLECTING IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND DELEGATIONS. NEW TEAM HAS NOW HAD TIME TO SETTLE IN TO JOB DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY AND THIS HAS HAD OBVIOUS IMPACT UNCLASSIFIED

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ON MEMBER COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, SOME CHANGES IN PERSONALITIES

AMONG DELEGATIONS, TOGETHER WITH STUDIED POSTURE OF  
REASONABLENESS AND CONCILIATION ON PART OF U. S. HAVE HAD, WE  
BELIEVE, POSITIVE EFFECTS. RIMESTAD

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